

Four days taken off Banks school year

Banks School District Board of Directors, at their February 10 meeting, approved reducing the school year by four days. Days eliminated are May 27, which will be added to the Memorial Day Holiday, and three days at the end of the school year. The last day for students will now be Friday, June 6. There was no discussion about the action.

In a written statement, the district said it has "prided itself on maintaining quality staff and programs for the betterment of the students of the district." A decision was made to reduce the school year, rather than cut

people and programs, in order to make up a budget shortfall of almost \$100,000. Shortening the school year spreads the cut across all district employees and contractors.

The decision to cut the school year was added to the consent agenda during the meeting. A consent agenda is used to save time by grouping items together that do not require discussion at a public meeting. Also added to the consent agenda was the retirement of Superintendent Marilyn McGlasson.

The six-month review of superintendent's and board goals

was presented. The board acknowledged the superintendent's list of accomplishments toward her goals. Board member Doug Nordholm said that the board should have had an opportunity to compile a similar list of accomplishments toward their goals. McGlasson said that in the future, board members would be informed in advance of the review.

In other business the board:

- Approved teacher and administrator contracts.
- Received notification that state school report cards are available on the state web site <<http://reportcard.ode.state.or.us>>. Report cards for Banks Schools will be posted on the district's web page and mailed to patrons after administrators add their comments.

Calendar: Elementary Mad Science, Mondays Beginning Feb. 24, 3-4:00 p.m.

Feb. 17, NO SCHOOL, President's Day

March 1, HS Play, 7:30 p.m.

March 5, 7:00 p.m., Junior High Band/Choir Concert

March 6-7, NO SCHOOL, In-service and grading

Firefighters will host annual breakfast

Banks Volunteer Firefighters will host a breakfast on Sunday, March 2, in the Banks High School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and tickets are available at the door.

The menu includes pancakes, ham or sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, milk or orange juice. Tickets are \$20 per fami-

Thermal imaging camera is goal of Banks Fire District fund raisers

Banks Fire District #13, with support from the Banks Chamber of Commerce, Banks Lions Club, Sunset Park Association and Banks Legion Post, has established a fund for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. These cameras have become an integral part of modern firefighting operations. The primary use is to detect temperature variations and project an image in situations where vision ranges from limited to completely obscured. Some typical applications would include identifying intense fires that are hidden from view, locating fire victims during search and rescue operations, locating smoldering fires in walls and even helping to locate lost or missing persons.

The drawback to these devices is that they are very expensive. The goal is to raise a total of \$12,800 within the next 12 months. To date, \$4,500 has been received.

Donations to the fund can be made at the business office of the Banks Fire District or sent, by mail, to Banks Fire District #13, 300 South Main St.,

ly, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 years and \$4 for seniors 62 and over.

The firefighters will also offer free fire engine rides to children and free blood pressure checks to adults.

Banks Fire District #13

Abbreviations: EMS, Emergency Medical Service; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident

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- Jan 1 - MVA
- Jan 2 - EMS Assist (2)
- Jan 3 - EMS Assist MVA
- Jan 4 - MVA
- Jan 5 - Illegal Burn
- Jan 6 - MVA
- Jan 7 - MVA EMS Assist
- Jan 8 - EMS Assist
- Jan 9 - MVA
- Jan 10 - Brush fire
- Jan 11 - MVA
- Jan 15 - EMS Assist
- Jan 16 - EMS Assist
- Jan 17 - Power Lines Down
- Jan 18 - EMS Assist
- Jan 19 - EMS Assist
- Jan 21 - EMS Assist
- Jan 22 - EMS Assist
- Jan 23 - Car fire
- Jan 24 - EMS Assist
- Jan 25 - MVA EMS Assist
- Jan 26 - Residential Fire MVA
- Jan 27 - Residential Fire Commercial Fire
- Jan 28 - Car Fire MVA Sick Person
- Jan 29 - Chest Pain Public Assist
- Jan 30 - Trauma Auto Alarm Mutual Aid

County boards seek applicants

Washington County is seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

• Aging & Veterans Services Advisory Council (DAVSAC) has one vacancy, plus nine two-year terms that will expire June 30, 2003.

• Commission on Children and Families (CCF) has one four-year term that will expire March 31.

• Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) has two vacan-

cies, plus three three-year terms that will expire March 31.

• Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has one vacancy, plus a five-year term that will expire March 20.

Descriptions of all of the boards can be found on the website: http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/com_mis.pl

The application deadline is April 1, or until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the web site or by calling (503) 846-8685.

Boards, committees, and commissions study issues and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Committees themselves do not pass ordinances or establish policy.

Commission members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Members must be residents of Washington County.

Miss Oregon to speak in Banks

Brita Stream, the 2002 Miss Oregon, will appear at 6:00 p.m. at Dayspring Christian Fellowship, 100 N. Main Street, in Banks on Sunday evening, March 2.

Stream, who will represent Oregon in the September 2003 Miss America Pageant in New Jersey, will discuss her experiences competing in and winning the 56th annual statewide beauty pageant. She was crowned in July by the 2001 Miss Oregon, Katie Harmon.

A native of Eugene, Stream received an OSU degree in Family Services and Community Health, last spring.

Attendance is free. For more information call 503-324-3800.

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